Staff position in major ports and dock labour boards

2995. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of sanctioned posts in Class I, II, III and IV in Major Ports and Dock Labour boards (Port-wise) which are lying vacant/not filled up by December 1993.

(b) what is the number of employees among the above categories who have taken voluntary retirement, portwise in Major Ports and Dock Labour Boards by December, 1993;

(c) what is the total amount saved portwise in Major Ports and Dock Labour Boards by December, 1993 due to above reasons;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to fill up the vacant posts mentioned above; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information relating to the total number of vacant posts in Class I, II, III and IV and the number of employees who have taken voluntary retirement in the above categories as on 31-12-1993 in the Major Ports and the Dock Labour Boards is given in Annexure. (See Appendix 170, Annexure No. 68)

(c) The question of savings due to vacancies in ports/voluntary retirement does not arise because the Ports/Dock Labour Boards have incurred additional expenditure on account of compensation to the employees retiring under voluntary retirement scheme.

(d) and (e) Action for filling up the vacant/unfilled posts is being taken by the Port Trusts/Dock Labour Boards as per the operational requirements.

Construction of Tea/Food Stalls at Railway Stations in Delhi

2996. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Tea Stalls/Food Stalls which have so far been built at Railway Stations of New Delhi, Delhi, Nizamuddin, Okhla; Sadar Bazar, Minto Road, Tilak Bridge Anand Vihar and Vivek Vihar under the Northern Railway; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to build more Tea Stalls/Food Stalls at these Railway Stations in the near future, if so, by when and what would be the terms and conditions for their allotment to public and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) 75 Tea/Food stalls are at present available. Since present arrangements are by and large adequate, there is no proposal for the present to increase the number of stalls.

Shipping line pan by Islamic Block

2997. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "India faces rough weather as Islamic block plans shipping line" appearing in 'The Economic Times' New Delhi dated the 21st February, 1994;

(b) if so, what is Goverment's reaction thereto;

(c) what are the implications of the proposed venture on Indian shipping interests particularly on India's